

Listing of All Claims Including Current Amendments

1. (currently amended) A device for introducing a suture thread anchor into a bone, comprising

a hollow guide sleeve through which a suture thread anchor can be passed, said hollow guide sleeve having a proximal end and a distal end, said distal end of said guide sleeve having a front annular face,

said guide sleeve comprising a single point projecting distally from said front annular face of said guide sleeve,

wherein said single point is fixed relative to said front annular face,

wherein a shoulder is formed between said distally projecting single point and a remaining part of said front annular face, and

wherein said shoulder extends in a cross section plane being substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said guide sleeve.

~~wherein said front annular face is substantially planar with the exception of said single point and said shoulder.~~

2. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said front annular face extends approximately perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said guide sleeve.

3. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said projecting point projects from over a circumferential area of said front annular face.

4. (previously presented) The device of claim 3, wherein said circumferential area is about to half of a circumference of said front annular face.

5. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said projecting point has a contour curved in an arc shape.

6. (previously presented) The device of claim 5, wherein said point is formed by a bevelled cut at said distal end of said guide sleeve.
7. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said point is designed as a needle-like point projecting from said front annular face.
8. (previously presented) The device of claim 7, wherein said needle-like point having an outermost tip which lies on an outer circumferential line of said guide sleeve.
9. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein an anchor rotator is provided, whose shank can be guided through said hollow guide sleeve.
10. (previously presented) The device of claim 9, wherein an external diameter of said shank of said anchor rotator approximately corresponds to a clear internal diameter of said guide sleeve.
11. (previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein said suture thread anchor is fitted in said anchor rotator.
12. (currently amended) A device for introducing a suture thread anchor into a bone, comprising
 - a hollow guide sleeve through which a suture thread anchor can be passed, said hollow guide sleeve having a proximal end and a distal end, said distal end of said guide sleeve having a front face,
 - an anchor rotator slideably disposed within said guide sleeve;
 - said guide sleeve comprising a single point projecting distally from said front face of said guide sleeve,
 - wherein said single point is fixed relative to said front face,

wherein a shoulder is formed between said distally projecting single point and a remaining part of said front face, and

wherein said shoulder extends in a cross section plane being substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said guide sleeve.

~~wherein said front face is substantially planar with the exception of said single point and said shoulder.~~

13. (previously presented) The device of claim 12, wherein said front face extends approximately perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said guide sleeve.

14. (previously presented) The device of claim 12, wherein said projecting point projects from over a circumferential area of said front face.

15. (previously presented) The device of claim 14, wherein said circumferential area is about to half of a circumference of said front face.

16. (previously presented) The device of claim 12, wherein said projecting point has a contour curved in an arc shape.

17. (previously presented) The device of claim 16, wherein said point is formed by a bevelled cut at said distal end of said guide sleeve.

18. (previously presented) The device of claim 12, wherein said point is designed as a needle-like point projecting from said front face.

19. (previously presented) The device of claim 18, wherein said needle-like point having an outermost tip which lies on an outer circumferential line of said guide sleeve.

20. (previously presented) The device of claim 12, wherein an external diameter of said anchor rotator approximately corresponds to a clear internal diameter of said guide sleeve.

21. (previously presented) The device of claim 20, wherein said suture thread anchor is fitted in said anchor rotator.

22. (currently amended) A device for introducing a suture thread anchor into a bone, comprising

a hollow guide sleeve through which a suture thread anchor can be passed, said hollow guide sleeve having a proximal end and a distal end, said distal end of said guide sleeve having a front annular face,

said guide sleeve comprising a single point projecting distally from said front annular face of said guide sleeve,

wherein said single point is fixed relative to said front annular face,

wherein a shoulder is formed between said distally projecting single point and a remaining part of said front annular face, and

wherein said front annular face is substantially planar and extends in a cross section plane being approximately substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said guide sleeve with the exception of said single point and said shoulder.

23. (previously presented) The device of claim 22, wherein said projecting point projects from over a circumferential area of said front annular face.

24. (previously presented) The device of claim 23, wherein said circumferential area is about to half of a circumference of said front annular face.

25. (previously presented) The device of claim 22, wherein said projecting point has a contour curved in an arc shape.

26. (previously presented) The device of claim 25, wherein said point is formed by a bevelled cut at said distal end of said guide sleeve.
27. (previously presented) The device of claim 22, wherein said point is designed as a needle-like point projecting from said front annular face.
28. (previously presented) The device of claim 27, wherein said needle-like point having an outermost tip which lies on an outer circumferential line of said guide sleeve.
29. (previously presented) The device of claim 22, wherein an anchor rotator is provided, whose shank can be guided through said hollow guide sleeve.
30. (previously presented) The device of claim 29, wherein an external diameter of said shank of said anchor rotator approximately corresponds to a clear internal diameter of said guide sleeve.
31. (previously presented) The device of claim 30, wherein said suture thread anchor is fitted in said anchor rotator.